

firing heavy volleys into solid columns of charging po-

never regretted. We undoubtedly believe that Mr. Hecker, if chosen, would have proved an inflexibly faithful, honest, capable, energetic Mayor and would have used the powers of his office, not to favor any political party or private interest, but to promote economy and prevent speculation. But we never in any manner solicited, nor suggested, nor desired his nomination—never. We supported him because he was the nominee of the Citizens' Association, and because, being such nominee, we deemed him capable and worthy. And—not having time to chase up every false charge against us to which the columns of *The Times* are habitually lent—we demand a distinct retraction of this one.

### AN APPEAL FOR THE STARVING.

Judge Wreth of Marshall County, Ala., has appealed to the citizens of Cincinnati in behalf of the people of his State. He says:

"I have come here to plead with you for the suffering, starving people of North Alabama. They are literally starving because of the lack of food and clothing. They are suffering for the want of bread.

"The facts are so terrible that they can scarcely be believed, and I feel that it is my duty to tell you of them. I shall try to do so, and I feel that the doubts that will suggest themselves in regard to the truth of my statements."

The Hon. W. T. May, Judge of the Probate Court of Marshall County, in a certificate to the truthfulness of this statement, says he has carefully investigated the condition of the people in his County, and finds that there are 2,180 women, children and infirm men; and of persons who are able to work,

but have means to purchase supplies for carrying on farming operations, there are families embracing 2,000 persons, white and black. Of the residue of the population, not 20 have means more than adequate to their wants.

Gov. Patton of Alabama writes:

"I have long known Judge Wyeth as a respectable member of the bar, and Christian gentleman, in whom the utmost confidence may be reposed. What he says in regard to the destitute and suffering families of North Alabama may be strictly relied on.

Many of these people have planted small crops, but are utterly without the means to sustain life until their vegetables and grain mature. The destitution includes all classes, families of Rebel soldiers, Loyalists, white and black. Judge Wyeth makes his appeal without distinction. "In the name of God and our

1863, thus encourages the murderous spirit of its friends:

without distinction. "In the name of God and our common humanity, I beg for bread for my starving people."

*The Memphis Post*, a local journal, publishes the appeal in full, with the following comments:

"A terrible reproach and a crime lies at the door of the owners of this mercantile institution, thousands of poor Southern women and children to literally starve to death, without even effort to send a helping hand. If it will be made to induce money for the erection of a church, with mural tablets and painted windows to the memory and glory of those who felt fighting against their country's debt, money is freely given; but their starving fellow-citizens of the same race are left to starve and die, without a word to rally for relief from starvation and death upon those Northern vandals whom they so earnestly vilify and defame."

*The Memphis Argus*, a Rebel sheet, disclaims for the Southern people any obligation to give relief to these starving people and calls on the "Radicals" to

come to their relief. The *Argus* says:

"The people recruited to be starting are themselves the political enemies of the very Republic. And it so happens, too, that all this starvation and destitution was brought upon the country by the fanatical agitation of the very political organization to which both the Unionists and the Democrats are now turning for aid. And it is to them that the starving brethren naturally look for their best and largest help. Let us 'aid out!'"

The alleged offense of these starving people is that they were loyal to the Union; therefore, let them die, say the reconstructionists.

In the same journal, we find the following:

"A grand ball will be given at the Garco House on the evening of the 3d of May, for the benefit of the homeless soldiers of the armies of the Confederate States. This noble project deserves every encouragement from our citizens, and will not fail to prove a grand success."

Let those who believe that guarantees are not

are to contribute. As we do not know anywhere an institution more philanthropic in its purpose, or

**THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN AND PARLIAMENTARY LAW.**

On Monday last the Board of Councilmen performed a feat of gymnastics of an astonishing character. Their standing Committee of Finance, which was duly appointed by the President on the organization of the Board, consisted of three members: Kellogg (chairman), Keech and Keenan. Last week Keech and Keenan resigned their positions as members of that Committee because of some pretended misunderstanding between themselves individually, thus leaving the chairman, Kellogg, alone. On Monday Councilman Keenan moved that there "shall be in future a Standing Committee of this Board, to be

though the spirit be willing, the flesh is weak, and on

stead of the committee heretofore known as the "Committee on Finance." This resolution was adopted. Councilman Hartman then offered the following resolution: "That the Committee on Financial Affairs consist of Councilmen Keech, Koester and Watts." As this would substitute Keech for Kellogg as chairman, and virtually oust the latter gentleman (who had not resigned, and who had done, and was willing to do, duty on his committee), from his office, Councilman Pullman moved that the name of Kellogg be substituted in place of Keech; but this was lost, and the original motion of Hartman was adopted.

Now, there is but one aspect in which this proceeding can be viewed, and that is unfavorable to the interests of the Honorable the Board of Councilmen.

not consistently be guilty of miscegenation when appearing in a quasi-clerical character. Mr. Henry Ward

on the Finance Committee; and, as he could not be impeached in any manner, and his associates were afraid to move openly to substitute another in his place, this lofty maneuver over his head was undertaken. It even strikes us that Keech and Keenan acted in collusion in resigning from the committee of Finance, in the first instance, and that they did so to effect this very dirty job, since Keech immediately accepts a reappointment on the new committee, and votes down the motion to put Kellogg thereon with him.

But the Board of Councilmen seem to forget that parliamentary usage does not sanction this method of ousting a member of a committee.

If Messrs. Keech and Keenan, who composed the

New York since he had the misfortune to form one of

It is rumored that Mr. Kellogg's course in reporting against certain big jobs, donations, etc., which were referred to his committee, has caused this step to be taken against him by his fellow members. If that is the case, we may well feel indignant, and also apprehensive; for Mr. Keech, who is now the chairman of the new Committee on "Financial Affairs," is the same Mr. Keech who, as a member of a former Common Council, helped to consummate the infamous Fort Gansevoort swindle, by voting to buy, at a price of over half a million dollars, the property which the City already rightfully owned.

—That *The Times* is right with regard to "adven-

**CRUELTY ANIMALS.**—Though but a fortnight ago, we are authoritatively informed that the Society for Preventing Cruelty to Animals have been able to correct the late barbarous mode of transporting calves and sheep. The first of these barbarous methods, namely, the use of the Society's list of subscriptions, headed up by the President of the Society, and the second, the use of the Society's list of donations, are promptly and earnest in the reform they have proposed:

John D. Wolfe	\$250	James Lenox	\$100
Jas. Brown	100	Hamilton Fish	100
Daniel Parker	100	Robert B. Roberts	100
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Robert L. Stuart	100	C. V. S. Roosevelt	100
Wm. R. Duncan	100	Alexander	100
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Henry Clegg	100	John R. Murray	100
Wm. H. Webb	100	John M. Wood	100
I. D. Jones	100	Charles R. Hall	100

Henry Clegg, a list of names, as numerous, will be announced in a few days.

**BREK' VAULTS ROBBED.**—Some time during Saturday night the best vaults of Peter Schaeragen, in Dutch